

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **777 6TH STREET, NW, SUITE 200** Address2

City **WASHINGTON** State **DC** Zip Code **20001** - Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City State Zip Code - Country

4a. Contact Name

b. Telephone Number c. E-mail

☐ International Number

DANIEL COHEN

(202) 965-3500 dan.cohen@justice.org

5. Senate ID#

4733-12

7. Client Name

☒ Self

☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE

6. House ID#

312410000

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year **2009**

Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐

Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☒

Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐

Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐

Termination Date

11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

12. Lobbying

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSE relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **1,120,000.00**

14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically

Date 07/17/2009

Printed Name and Title Daniel Cohen; Director; National Affairs

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15. General issue area code

AVI

AVIATION/AIRLINES/AIRPORTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 915 (FAA Reauthorization Act); specific interest in issues pertaining to insurance for non-commercial aircraft, and the safety standard established by the issuance of an airworthiness certificate.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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CPT

COPYRIGHT/PATENT/TRADEMARK

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H.R. 1260/ S. 515/ S. 610 (Patent Reform Act); specific interest in provisions relating to venue for patent cases, and issues pertaining to the liability of banks when unlawfully using patented check imaging technology.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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CSP

CONSUMER ISSUES/SAFETY/PRODUCTS

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1020/ S.931 (Arbitration Fairness Act); to prohibit mandatory binding arbitration in consumer contracts.

H.R. 1237/ S. 512 (Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act); relating to the use of arbitration agreements to resolve disputes involving nursing home care and nursing home contracts.

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Lobbying related to draft legislation to provide for service of process over foreign nationals in cases involving defective products causing injury in the United States.

Lobbying related to issues pertaining to the use of the product asbestos.

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GOV

GOVERNMENT ISSUES

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Bills relating to the operation of the federal courts:

H.R. 1508/ S. 537 (Sunshine in Litigation Act); relating to the use of protective orders, sealing of cases, and disclosure of discovery information in federal civil cases

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Lobbying with regard to federal judicial selection generally; not specific to any nominated candidate.

Lobbying with regard to preemption of state law contained in regulatory preamble language and in the text of executive branch regulations.

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HCR

HEALTH ISSUES

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1346/ S. 540 (Medical Device Safety Act); to amend the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to clarify the scope of federal preemption of state law with regard to medical devices.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Lobbying regarding the issue of subrogation as it applies to ERISA-covered health plans and as it relates to any health care reform proposal; also lobbying regarding the issue of Medicare set-asides for claimant related medical expenses as it relates to any health care reform proposal.

Lobbying in Congress regarding an HHS-issued rule limiting discovery from nursing home-related state survey agencies.

ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue

HCR - HEALTH ISSUES

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LBR

LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 635 (National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws Act); to establish the National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Labor - Dept of (DOL)

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Daniel Cohen; Director; National Affairs

Lobbying regarding a Department of Labor advisory opinion regarding the scope of federal preemption of state product liability claims involving the use of NIOSH-approved respirators.

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MAR

MARINE/MARITIME/BOATING/FISHERIES

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1485/ S. 588 (Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act); specific interest in Section 6 of the bill, amending the Death on the High Seas Act.

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TAX

TAXATION/INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 2519/ S. 437; to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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TORT

TORTS

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 847/ S. 1334 (James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act); specific interest in Title II relating to the September 11th Victim Compensation fund.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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S. 391 (Healthy Americans Act); specific interest in provisions in Title VI and VII relating to payments to States for implementing measures related to liability for medical malpractice.

Lobbying with regard to medical malpractice liability as it relates to any health care reform proposal; also lobbying in response to Call to Action: Health Reform 2009 (a White Paper issued by Senator Baucus); specific interest in proposed health courts and other malpractice compensation models.

Affordable Health Choices Act (HELP Committee health care reform bill; unnumbered as of 6/30/09); specific interest in amendments relating to liability for medical negligence:

Coburn amendment #88, not offered as of 6/30/09; to establish a grant program for states to develop, implement, and evaluate three alternative models to the current tort litigation system, including an expert review panel, an administrative health care tribunal, and a combination of these systems.

Enzi amendment #2, withdrawn; to provide federal funding for states to develop and implement alternative compensation models for medical malpractice.

Gregg amendment #29, not offered as of 6/30/09; to limit the legal rights of patients injured by negligent medical care.

Gregg amendment #30, not agreed to; to place caps on damages in medical malpractice suits for grievances regarding obstetrical and gynecological services.

Hatch amendment #5, not offered as of 6/30/09; to shield doctors and hospitals from liability for medical malpractice while limiting the legal rights of patients who seek emergency room services.

Hatch amendment #6, not offered as of 6/30/09; to shield doctors and hospitals from liability for medical malpractice while limiting the legal rights of patients who reside in rural and medically underserved communities.

Hatch amendment #8, withdrawn; to prohibit the conclusions and recommendations of the Center for Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation from being used by a plaintiff in a civil action against a health care provider, health care organization, or the manufacturer or seller of a medical product.

H.R.1478/ S. 1347 (Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009); to allow members of the Armed Forces to sue the United States for damages for certain injuries caused by improper medical care.

H.R. 1998 (Health Care Safety Net Enhancement Act); to amend the Public Health Service Act to include emergency services and other related services pursuant to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), and to provide liability protection for hospitals, physicians, and other licensed independent practitioners who provide services to patients covered by EMTALA.

H.R. 1188 (Access to Emergency Medical Services Act); specific interest in provision calling for the establishment of a United States Bipartisan Commission on Access to Emergency Medical Services to study emergency services pursuant to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) including the potential legal liability of health care professionals and providers with respect to services furnished under EMTALA.

H.R. 1745 (Family Health Care Accessibility Act); to amend the Public Health Service Act to cover the liability of volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

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TRU

TRUCKING/SHIPPING

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

General lobbying with regard to minimum insurance requirements for commercial trucks.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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BNK

BANKRUPTCY

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 2743 (Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009); specific interest in amending the legislation to ensure that newly formed automobile manufacturers purchase insurance to cover product liability claims; also lobbying with regard to successor liability generally in connection with auto bankruptcies.

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H. R. 3088 (Jeremy Warriner Consumer Protection Act); to require an automobile manufacturer that the Federal Government has an ownership interest in or that has an outstanding loan from the Federal Government to purchase liability insurance.

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FIN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/INVESTMENTS/SECURITIES

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 627/ S. 414/ S. 235 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act/ Credit CARD Act); specific interest in opposing Price amendment (not agreed to) that would prohibit class action lawsuits for damages resulting from violations of the bill.

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HOU

HOUSING

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1728 (Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act); specific interest in Title I, relating to damage caps for liability claims, and Title II, relating to a prohibition on class action claims against assignees and securitizers and language providing liability protection to creditors that comply with minimum mortgage standards.

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